ways cross-examined me while the Chief was in there, and when I explained to the Chief exactly what I had explained to him. On the following morning I was brought before the Court, and, of course, there appeared before me the Chief, the Captain appeared against me, and about four of the ward men and Mr. Magowan.

Mr. Moss-We are familiar with the facts, I think, as they occurred in the police court. We will not take time for that, I think we will remove the witness from the chair for a moment and call some one else.

ALBERT ADAMS CALLED. THE POLICY KING GOT A FALSE TIP FROM SOME ONE, MR. MOSS DECLARES.

Mr. Moss-I will call Albert J. Adams as a wit-

Mr. Moss-You did not kissethe Bible? A.-I did not touch it; no, sir. -Do you consider yourself bound by the oath?

Q.—Do you consider yourself to me whether a man touches it or not, if he considers himself bound, that is all.
A.—I consider myself bound.
Q.—Mr. Adams, do you own the building which is occupied by "Silver Dollar" Smith's place, in Sixth-ave.? A.—I do.
Q.—And you recently renewed your lease of that building to him, did you not? A.—I did.
Q.—You had some objection to it at first, had you not? A.—No.
Q.—Were you not seen by some one to ask you to make the lease to Mr. Smith? A.—I don't remember of anybody.

nake the lease to Mr. Smith? A.—I don't anybody.
Q.—Did not Inspector McLaughiin ask you to nake the lease? A.—No.
Q.—Did not some one representing Inspector McLaughiin ask you to make the lease? A.—I don't remember any one asking me.
Q.—You have been expecting to be served with a subporna to appear here? A.—I have been told so.
Q.—Who told you you were going to be subpornated? A.—The New-York Sun.
Q.—And do you know upon what authority they told you? A.—I don't know. I did not go near them to find out.

Q.—And do you knew upon what account told you? A.—I don't knew. I did not go near them to find out.
Q.—Was that your first intimation that you might be required to appear here? A.—No.
Q.—What was the first intimation you had? A.—A party wrote me an anonymous letter, and said that I would be subportated.
Q.—A party wrote you an anonymous letter? A.—Yes.
Q.—In what handwriting was it—did you recognize

Q.—A party wrote you an anonymous letter? A.—Yes.
Q.—In what handwriting was it—did you recognize the handwriting? A.—I think I have the card here with the handwriting.
Q.—I would like to see it. A.—(Producing paper). This is not the writing. There is the writing; the other card was in the same writing.

Mr. Moss—I want to say to you, and I want to say it publicly here, that you were not in contemplation as a witness and that I never thought of calling you at this period. It was not in our minds to take up any such matter as you are connected with at this time. We have been concerning ourselves with matters we thought were more important, and until it was stated in the newspapers that you had been served with a subporna it was never in my mind, and I am certain it was never in the mind of counsel, that you were even in contemplation as a witness. I am very glad to have this card, and the handwriting, because I am sure that there are people in this community who are blackmailing gentlemen and other persons by giving them pretended information that they are wanted here.

Q.—Now Mr. Adams, when you found out, or

Now, Mr. Adams, when you found out, or ought that you had found out, that we intended subpoena you as a witness did you attempt to ke any arrangements to avoid being called? A.—

-Did you cause any attempt to be made? A .-

I did not.

Q.-Did you cause any attempt to be made? A.—

I did not.

Q.-Did you go to any gentlemen or did you send
to any gentleman to have his influence used to keep
you off the stand? A.—To no one.

Q.-Did you cause any offer of money to be made
to any gentleman for that purpose? A.—No.
Q.-Do you know of any offer of money being
made for that purpose? A.—I do not.
Q.-Now, Mr. Adams, you have not desired to be
called as a witness? A.—I did not care. I have
nothing that I would not willingly tell you here.

Mr. Moss-We are not prepared to examine you
fully at this time, but from the information that
came to me about matters that were supposed to be
going on I thought it was just as well to have you
in this jurisdiction—to have you within the jurisdiction of the committee—and to subpœna you
egain.

again.

The witness—All right.

Mr. Moss (handing a paper to the witness)—That
is a subporna that calls for your attendance here
one week from to-day, Mr. Adams. That is, the
24th of April.
The witness—Yes.
Mr. Moss—Mr. Tuohig!

TUOHIG TELLS HIS STORY. BOW THE CONSPIRACY WAS HATCHED TO IMPRISON BUTTNER.

George Tuohig was then sworn. Moss-Before I examine Mr. Tuohig I want to call the attention of the committee to the fact that while Chief Devery was being examined, par-ticularly about what he had done at the corner of ticularly about what he had done at the corner of Twenty-eighth-st. and Eighth-ave, on the night prior to his being called, he related some facts and stated he had been going around the district with some one, and on being asked what he was doing he dropped the remark that he was working on the Broadway Garden matter; and he was reminded that that was a dead issue, that the Broadway Garden had been closed, and those matters had all been disposed of, and you remember he could not be induced again to discuss the business he was engaged in in connection with the Broadway Garden matter. So now—I make the claim here now—upon the testimony aiready adduced from the witness Stephans that it is very clear what was going on at that time.

Chairman-I think the committee recall that mony quite distinctly. The Chief stated that he walking through Thirtleth-st. toward Sixth-

Mr. Moss—It was also stated that prior to that time Mr. Buttner had been in attendance at this room, so his presence here had become known and had been discussed more or less, in the papers and elsewhere, and had been spoken of in the newspapers as a probable witness.

The Chairman—The Chief spoke of him as being here in the room.

Mr. Moss—Yes.

Mr. Moss—Yes.

Mr. Moss—Were you a waiter in the Broadway Garden while Mr. Buttner had it? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You did not testify, as I remember it, upon the trial in the Magowan case? A.—No, sir.

Q.—All the other waiters testified, if I remember, to the circumstances that their was no theft. A.—i think they did.

Q.—You had not testified, and, therefore, had not committed yourself either way, had you, publicly?

—No, sir.

ommitted yourself either way, had you, possible A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did any gentleman or other persons approach you recently in order to get from you a statement concerning that robbery? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Who first came to you? A.—Stephans.

Q.—And whom did you go to? A.—We went to the Manila Café, on Monday evening. I don't remember the date. I think it was the lith, wasn't it?

Q.—Stephans testified that when this matter was broached to him he said he did not want to go into it alone, that he would not go into it without another man, and so Stephans went to you, did he?

A.—Yes.

it alone, that he would not go into it without another man, and so Stephans went to you, did he? A—Yes.

Q—And then you were taken to the Manila Cafe? Whom did you see there? A.—I saw a man named Charlie Singer. He said to me, "Will you have a drink?" I had a drink of claret and seltzer, and Charlie said to Singer. This is my friend, Mr. Tuohig. This is Mr. Singer." We had a couple of drinks, I suppose, and Singer had supper, and then we were escoried to Mr. Schultz's hotel, No. 43 West Twenty-fourth-st., and we sat in the front at a table d'hôte restaurant facing on Twenty-fourth-st., and we had a little drink there, and Stephans said to Schultz. "Here is Mr. Tuohig, his friend." He said: "This man also knows something about the Magowan-Buttner case, and I think he knows a great deal more about it than I do." Then Schultz asked me—I said to Schultz "No." He says, "What do you know about Magowan being robbed?" I says, "I know all about it." "Well," he says, "tell me what you know about it," and I told him part of the story, and it was the truth, and I brought it in, in this way, that I had seen Magowan lose his money while shaking dice at the bar, but I didn't state how much money be had

## HE BELIEVED BUTTNER INNOCENT.

rou had seen? A .- It was Magowan shaking dice which is half a dollar; but I told Mr. Schultz that

which is haif a dollar; but I told Mr. Schultz that I had seen Magowan lose his money while shaking dice at the bar, and also told him that we had got some money from Buttner not to say anything about it. I was told by Stephans that Buttner had given out this advice to us, to see these people and see what they wanted to do.

Q-You understood when Stephans went to you that there was a plot to accuse your former employer of robbers and him to prison, did you?

A-Yes, sir, for the reason that Stephans had told me that he had already seen Mr. Buttner with reference to the affair, and he told Mr. Buttner that this man Tuohig, who worked there, having given any testimony, and he said. "I have seen him Baturday night." he says, "and he wants to go into this game with me to have a little fun out of it," or words to that effect, and Mr. Buttner says, "Certainly I can trust him; you ought to know, because he worked for you." He says, "Certainly I can trust him; you ought to know, I know him, but I discharged the man."

Q-You are stating hearsay testimony, but the fact is that you understood that there was a game to convict your former employer of something he was not guilty of? A.—By this way, yes, sir.—

Q-And you were willing to go into it and see

Q—And you were willing to go into it and see what was in it and what they proposed to do? A.—I was willing to go into it to help Mr. Buttner out, because I really thought Mr. Buttner was

out, because I really thought Mr. Buttner was honest.

Q.—Exactly. You had this conversation with Singer—go on with it. A.—This part that I refer to now, where I know that there was some game afoet to down Mr. Buttner was this, that Stepnans and Singer were together, and Stepnans said that he didn't want to go down there, as he had aiready testified to Mr. Buttner's good character, but Singer says, "Oh, to the dewli with it:" or some words to that effect, "and many's the man has gone down and sworn to something he has never seen for a lot of money." And I think that Stephans told me that Singer promised him \$209.

Q.—Never mind what Stephans told you. I want to get down to the conversation with Singer. Singer did mention money to you, didn't he? A.—He said that there was money in it. He said, "Do you know all about the case?" I said, "Well, I do" "Well." he says, "there is money in it. That is all Singer said. I think he said it to Stephans and Stephans told me afterward.

MONEY AND A JOB OFFERED HIM.

Q.-Was it proposed that you and Stephans so to the District-Attorney's office? A.-It was. Q.-By whom was it proposed? A.-By Singer, if

Q.—You came in contact with Mr. Schultz, didn't cou? A.—Several times.
C.—And didn't he join in requesting that you

should testify, either by affidavit or at the District-

It was.

Q-But that you were to testify? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And was anything said in his presence about your recompense for it, or did he speak of what you would set? A.—He told me I would have a job as long as I wanted if for \$5 a day, and that he would see me right and stake me about \$300 or

\$100.

Q.—Did you have several interviews with Schultz and with Singer about the matter? A.—Singer never said much to me.

Q.—But you had with Schultz? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Do you know anything about the poolroom that Schultz kept? A.—I was up there, I suppose, three or four times.

Q.—It was running, was it? A.—Yes, sir.

three or four times.
Q—It was running, was it? A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—Did you see Mr. Farrell there—Frank Farrell?s
A—I don't know.
Q—You don't know him? A.—No, sir.
Q.—Did you see Stephans working there? A.—In a manner, yes, sir.
Q.—In a manner working; but he was there, was be? A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—Earning his pay? A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—Did you receive any money from any of these persons? A.—Yes, sir.

he? A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—Earning his pay? A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—Did you receive any money from any of these parsons? A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—From whom? A.—Schultz.
Q.—How much? A.—Thirty-one dollars.
Q.—Did you render him any services for that \$31?
A.—No, sir. I was not in his employ at all.
Q.—This was all in anticipation of your making an affidavit or giving testimony, was it? That was the understanding, was it? A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—And the purpose of it was to secure the arrest and conviction of Mr. Buttner, was it? A.—The purpose of it was for me to swear that I saw Mr. Buttner robbed.
Q.—But the fact was that you did not see Mr.

Q.—But the fact was that you did not see Mr. Buttner rob any one? A.—I did not. I mean Mr. Magowan.
Q.—Mr., Magowan robbed? A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—You never saw any such thing? A.—No, sir.

A POLICE OFFICER PRESENT. Q.-At any of these occurrences or conversa tions, was any police officer present? A.—Friday morning about 8:30, I don't know whether the was a police officer or not, but he was Mr. Curry, of the nderioin Precinct.

Q.—Yes, that is right. A.—Is he a police officer Q.—Yes. A.—Well, he was there, and Friday af Q.—One moment. What did Mr. Curry do and ay? A.—He said he would go up after the capain. A.—He said he would go up after the cap-ain.
Q.—That is, the captain of the precinct? A.—Yes, ir; I don't know what captain.
Q.—The captain, that is what he said? A.—The antain; yes, sir.
Q.—Did he say anything more? A.—He did not. te only stayed about five or ten minutes.
Q.—Did he hear any of the conversation? A.— te heard nothing at all, and he said, "This is ir. Tuohig, Mr. Curry," and Mr. Magowan was nere.

Mr. Tuohig, Mr. Curry," and Mr. Magowan was there.

Q.—Well, go on. A.—And Mr. Curry stayed about five minutes; didn't talk about the case at all; left saying that he was going after the captain. In the mean time I told the boy not to show up Stephans until I had reported to him at 12 o'clock on the corner of Thirty-first-st. and Eighth-ave., and I stayed fifteen or twenty minutes, and I told Mr. Magowan I would go and look for the hoy, and then I went over to Eighth-ave. I seen Stephans and two gentlemen that were with him, and I advised Stephans, with their advice, also not to go back until I had to go back in the afternoon. When I went back in the afternoon it was probably 3 o'clock, and Mr. Magowan was still there, and some tall gentleman that I don't know his name. I didn't receive any introduction to him at all, and he wanted to bring me down to Captain Price; said that the captain had been telephoning up all day; wanted to know if I had arrived. He said. "Let us take a wafk." We waked as far as Twenty-third-si, and Sixth-ave. He says, "Hurry up; we can just catch the captain now before he leaves there." "Where are you going." "Going down to see Captain Price." "What for:" "It is all right," he says; "you don't have to say a word if you don't want to; Just meet the captain in a side room." I said, "Before I go down there I wish to say I am not going down this afternoon."

Q.—You thought he was going to the District-

tain in a side room." I said, "Before I go down this afternoon."

Q.—You thought he was going to the District-Attorney's office? A.—I don't know; we were going down somewhere; he warded to catch the next train. I told him I wouldn't go down this afternoon. He says, "Why?" I said, "Stephans Isn't here; I don't wish to go down alone, and there are certain other reasons I cannot state to you; I don't know you." He looked at me in a kind of surprise. He says, "We will go back to Mr. Schultz's house." I said, "Anywhere you say; I will not go down to see the captain to-day." We went back to Mr. Schultz's house and sent over to Mr. Schultz house and I don't wish to go down alone." He said, "I don't blame you; it is all right." He hoy is not here and I don't wish to go down alone." He said, "I don't blame you; it is all right; he will get the boy if he is in the city." And then this stall gentleman that I don't know he asked Mr. Schultz if he could arrange to meet me that night, he says, "Yes." He says, "Name some time you will be here, any time you say." He says, "How about 9 o'clock?" I said, "Any hour will suit me. In the mean time I will hunt this boy up." He says, "Is 9 o'clock satisfactory all around?" I said, "Yes, sir: I will be here at 9 o'clock." So I had gone out in the mean time after this conversation, and seen Stephans again and told Stephans not to show around there at all. And neither one of us went near the place that night, and whether stephans went there since or not I don't know, but I have not been there since.

DID NOT KNOW HE WAS SHADOWED.

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Q .- Have you seen Captain Price at any time since those conversations? A.—No, sir; I thought I had at one time, but it was not Captain Price, Q.-You learned it was a mistake? A.-Yes, sir. Q.-Has any one seen you within a day or two.

Q.—Has any one seen you within a day or two, from the Schultz and Singer side, about your being subpensed? Not since Friday.

Q.—They did not know you had been subpensed, as far as you know? A.—I don't know.

Mr. Moss.—That is all i care to ask this witness.

The Chairman—That is all.

Mr. Moss.—One moment, Mr. Tuchig. Did you notice that in all these meetings and travellings that you were engaged in you were followed and shadowed by men in my employ? A.—Not until Friday.

shadowed by men in my employ? A.—Not until Friday.

Q.—You discovered on Friday that all that you and Stephans were doing was being observed by men in the employ of the committee? A.—Yes, sir, and Stephans has already told me in the mean time that he was shadowed by your men. I didn't know until I was met by men in your employ Friday afternoon.

Mr. Moss.—Mr. Rogee. Is J. C. L. Rogee present? (No response.)

CROKER ON THE STAND AGAIN. HE DECLARES NO ACCOUNTS ARE KEPT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CANDIDATES.

Richard Croker was then recalled. Mr. Moss-Mr. Croker, what part of the business at No. 111 Broadway do you do? A.-I don't do much of the real estate business. Q .- You don't buy or sell in that business? A .-

Q .- Nor conduct any auctions? A .- No. Q.-Nor advise about the methods of that business, do you? A.-No.

Q.—You have practically nothing to do there except to give the benefit of your name, have you? A.—Well, practically that; I don't do much there; very little in the real estate line.
Q.—I want to ask you the amounts of the contributions of candidates last year? A.—I couldn't tell you.

ell you.

Q.—Can you tell the contribution of Judge Fitzerald? A.—I couldn't tell you.

Q.—You know he made a contribution? A.—I hink he did, but I can't tell you what it was.

Q.—Did Judge Leventritt make a contribution?

...—I shouldn't wonder, but I couldn't tell you that. It is filed in the County Clerk's office, whatever

-Are you sure that all he contributed is stated the County Clerk's office? A.-I should imagine

Q.—All they have to swear to is what they have spent before election expenses. Do you understand that that includes what they voluntarily contributed before nomination? A.—I presume what they swear to is right.

Q.—I understand that. That is to be presumed, but that does not answer every question. You look upon a contribution made before nomination as election expenses, do you? A.—I should think so yes.

o, yes. Q.-You think it should be shown in the affi-davit? A.-I suppose that is all included in the

davit? A.—I suppose the expenses.

Q.—Did Judge Scott make a contribution? A.—
That I could not tell you.

Q.—In the previous year did the candidate for County Clerk make a contribution? A.—I suppose they did. They all meant to contribute, I suppose.

Q.—You suppose that all the candidates on the ticket wept to the treasurer, don't you? A.—Yes, I should imagine so.

EXACT FIGURES CAN'T BE HAD. Q .- Do you know the amount that either of these officers contributed, County Clerk, Register, Sheriff, Mayor, District-Attorney or Coroner? A .- I couldn' tell you the exact amount.

Q.-In each case they would be expected to Q.—In each case they would be expected to give some thousands of dollars, wouldn't thee? A.—I don't know; that depends upon themselves.
Q.—Are there any accounts showing what they gave? A.—No.
Q.—Are there any books which will show what they gave? A.—No.
Q.—Is there any man's memory that has recorded the amounts they gave? A.—I couldn't tell you.
Q.—You could not be more specific than that? A.—I couldn't recommend you to anybody.
Q.—Don't you know as much as any one in the Tammany Hall organization about these matters?
A.—I don't know about that; 'they have some pretty smart men.
Q.—You are on the Finance Committee still? A.—Yes.

"Q.—You are on the Finance Committee still? A.—Yes.
Q.—If any of these moneys were banked, where were they banked? A.—I couldn't tell you.
Q.—Were any banked in the Garfield Bank? A.—The treasurer deposits there, I believe.
Q.—Contributions are made by the candidates prior to their nominations, are they not? A.—That all depends upon how be feels about it: probably he might delay it, and he might give it before, just according to how he feels.
Q.—But if you didn't know the financial standing of the candidate, wouldn't you expect that he should show his contribution before he was nominated? A.—I don't think so; he wouldn't have to show it.

show it.

Q.—You have never lost any money by trusting in those matters, have you? A.—Not that I know of.

Q.—Have you ever heard of candidates borrowing from their friends to make contributions? A.—No.

of, are they? A.—I have nothing to do with these matters, whether they borrow, or how they do it.

Q.—But as long as they pay up, it is all right, is it? A.—I don't know; you ought to know a little about that.

GETS SAUCY AND IS CAUGHT.

Q.—You are on the Finance Committee of Tammany Hall? A.—You were on those in those years. Q .- Not in Tammary Hall? A .- No; for Roose

Q .- Not on any committee that handled any

veit.

Q.—Not on any committee that handled any money, unfortunately? A.—You have been around the Bowery yourself.

Q.—Are these Bowery matters, Mr. Croker? A.—You know a little about them.

Q.—No: I am asking you—are these-Bowery matters, this testimony about receiving contributions from candidates? A.—You ought to know.

Q.—I am asking you? A.—I don't know.

Q.—I ou don't know anything about the Bowery?
A.—No particular place.

Q.—You don't know anything about the Bowery, do you? A.—No.

Q.—When you said that the accusation that the Bowery was wide open was untrue, you didn't know what you were talking about, did you? A.—I didn't say it was wide open.

Q.—You said that the allegations that it was wide open were untrue. You didn't know what you were talking about, liegations at all.

Q.—You denied that the city was wide open, anything about allegations at all.

Q.—Didn't you? A.—I did not; no, I did not.

Q.—I think we will have to refresh your recollection on that subject? A.—You want to close it up tight.

Q.—I am referring to interviews in the public press, which Mr. Croker took, as a matter of public knowledge—that when Mr. Matthews announced that the town was wide open, and others announced that the town was wide open, and others announced that the town was wide open, and others announced that the town was wide open, and others announced that?

Q.—You have not testified on that point? A.—You have a capure there.

tions were not true? A.—I don't know. Did I testify to that?
Q.—You have not testified on that point? A.—You have a paper there.
Q.—Your interview, not in "The World," but made at the time in all of the papers? A.—This is the place; just where I am sitting now.
Q.—Did you then deny that the city was wide open? A.—That I don't remember.
Q.—You don't remember? A.—No.
Q.—Do you know whether it was or not? A.—I did not: I heard it was.
Q.—If you said anything about it, you simply spoke in a general way? A.—I don't remember saying anything about it, either one way or another about its being wide open or shut.

NO ENCORD OF OUTGO, EITHER.

NO RECORD OF OUTGO, EITHER. Q.-I ask you again, as a member of the Finance Committee of Tammany Hall, is there any way of setting at the facts as to who have contributed and the amounts they have contributed to the oranization expenses? I refer to candidates. A-ou go to the County Clerk's office and you will

t.

That is the only answer you can give? A.—
I to the only answer I can give.

But there are no records in Tammany Hall? Q.—But there are no recovery and the moneys which they contributed were spent? A.—You have got to take their word.
Q.—No, it is not a question of their word; they gave you the money? A.—They don't give me the

They give your committee the money? A.-I e not testified they did.
-But they did? A.-They gave it to the treas-They give it to the treasurer? A.—Probably.—Is there any way of showing exactly how he moneys were spent? A.—The treasurer will

Q.—Is there any way of showing whether you received any of those moneys or not? A.—Not that I know of. Q.-Do you know whether there is any way of showing? A.-Which? showing? A.—Which?
Q.—Did you receive any? A.—Sometimes I have; whatever I have received I have turned over to the treasury.
Q.—You mean to say that everything you have received in the way of contributions or assessments, whichever we may call them, you have turned over to the treasurer? A.—Turned over to the treasurer. ing? A.—Which?
Did you receive any? A.—Sometimes I
whatever I have received I have turned over

Do you know whether they have been banked?

Q.—Do you know whether they have been balked:

A.—That I don't know.

Q.—Is that so with reference to the contributions that have been received for election purposes? A.—Every one of them.

Q.—How much was received in the campaign of 1888, that is, the Gubernaiorial campaign, from the Metropolitan Street Railway? A.—I don't remember anything.

Q.—Was nothing received from that railway?

A.—Not as I know of.

Q.—Was anything received from any one inter-

A—Not as I know of.

Q.—Was anything received from any one interested in that railroad? A.—None as I know of.

Q.—Was there not a large contribution toward the election expenses made by the Metropolitan Street Railroad or by persons interested in it? A.—I never heard so.

Q.—You never heard that \$55,000 was contributed by that railroad to your organization? A.—I never heard of it.

SHIFTS HIS GROUND A LITTLE. The Chairman-I wish to call Mr. Croker's atten tion to the fact that the other day he testified that moneys that were received were deposited in the bank, and then drawn out a few days before elec-tion. Do you recall that?

Do you recall that? Witne-s-Yes, sir, I did say that they were deposited with the treasurer, and I presume he put it in his bank and then he drew it from his own bank before election.

Q.—You don't know what bank that is? A.—No, I

O.-You don't know what bank that is? A.-No, I don't.

Mr. Moss-Do you know what contribution was received from the New-York Life Insurance Company in that campaign? A.-I don't know that they ever gave a dollar.

Q.-Or the New-York Telephone Company? A.-Not at all, that I know of.

Q.-Or the Consolidated Gas Company? A.-

ot at all, that I know of.

Q.—Or the Consolidated Gas Company? A.—
one at all that I know of.

Q.—You mean to say that you, as a member of
e Finance Committee, have no knowledge of any
ntributions being made by either of those conrns? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Will you say the same thing about the elecmon of 1887, the Mayoralty election? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—What was the total amount of contributions
celved for the election of 1896? A.—That I could
t say.

received for the election of 1896? A.—That I could not say.

Q.—Is there any record that would show how much was received? A.—Not as I know of.

Q.—Is there any record that would show how much was disbursed? A.—No.

Q.—Or for what? A.—I can't tell you.

Q.—You make the same answer with reference to the election of 1898? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Do you know how much money was received in the campaign of 1897 from office-holders? A.—I cannot tell you that.

Q.—Was money received from office-holders? A.—I think there was.

Q.—Is there any account of it? A.—No, sir, not as I know of.

Q.—Do you know how much money was received from office-holders in 1896? A.—I cannot tell you that.

hat.
Q.—Is there any way of finding out? A.—Not rom me, there is not.
Q.—Do you know how much money was received from the Police Department for election expenses n 1898? A.—Not a dollar, to my knowledge. Q .- How is it that you are more definite with

ference to the Police Department than you are with reference to the office-holders? A .- They do Q-Because you know they pay? A.-Yes.
Q-But you have no knowledge that the Police

Q.—But you have no knowledge that the Police
Department does pay? A.—I don't know it.
Q.—I mean out of their own pockets? A.—They
have not pald a dollar that I know of.
Q.—You swear the same about the election of
1898? A.—Yes, sir, so far as I know.
Q.—You know whether Mr. Carroll has an account in the Garfield Bank? A.—I cannot tell you.
Q.—Do you know what Mr. Carroll does at the
Garfield Bank daily? A.—No, sir, I don't.
Q.—Do you know what banking business he does
there? A.—No, sir, I don't.
Q.—Is he under or in receipt of a salary from
you? A.—No, sir.
Q.—Is he in receipt of a salary from the organization? A.—Not that I know of.
Q.—You don't know how he keeps up his appearance and his establishment? A.—I cannot answer
for him.

nce and his establishment? A.—I cannot answer him.
Q.—It is a question you can answer; do you know?
.—I don't know.
Q.—You have no information at all on the subtet? A.—None at all.
Q.—You do not think it is a matter of consequence
hat you should know the finances or the financial
tatus of the deputy-leader of your organization?
..—No, sir, I don't know it; I am not looking into
its business at all.
Q.—You don't know what those financial transtions are that he has? A.—No, sir, I don't.
Q.—How much money have you received from his
hands during the last year? A.—Not any.
Q.—How much money have you received, directly
yr indirectly, from him during the last year? A.—
Not any.

A.—I don't know.

Q.—You have no information at all on the subject? A.—None at all.

Q.—You do not think it is a matter of consequence that you should know the finances or the financial status of the deputy-leader of your organization? A.—No, sir, I don't know it; I am not looking into his business at all.

Q.—You don't know what those financial transactions are that he has? A.—No, sir, I don't.

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Q.—Wou much money have you received from his hands during the last year? A.—Not any.

Q.—Will you say the same with reference to Mr. Preedman? A.—No, sir, I won't.

Q.—What will you say about Mr. Freedman? A.—I think I have received money from Mr. Freedman, or our firm has?

Q.—Wo have? A.—No, I have not personally.

Q.—Hut your firm has?

Q.—You have? A.—No, I have not personally.

Q.—Hu hat what shape was that? A.—He sent a check to us.

Q.—You have? A.—No, I have not personally.

Q.—You have? A.—No, I have not personally.

Q.—You have? A.—No, I have not personally.

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RAPS SENATOR PLATT AGAIN. Q.-Is Mr. Carroll interested in that bond company? A .- No, str.

Q.-Is Mr. Saxton interested in that bond comany? A.-No, sir. Q.-Are other members of your family? A.-No.

sir.
Q.—You know that all the bonded officers of the city government take out their bonds from your company? A.—Not all of them.
Q.—Nearly all of them? A.—Some take them out from your boss's company. (Laughter)
Q.—From some of the other companies, you say?

A .- From your boss's company. (Renewed laugh-Q.-What officers of the city government take out

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Q.—What officers of the city government take out bonds from the other boss's company, as you put it? A.—I refer to your boss-your boss's company? Q.—Do you mean Mr. Piatt's company? A.—Yes; you know what I mean (Laughter.) Q.—Some people call it Mr. Platt's. A.—You know weil enough whose it is. (More laughter.) Q.—Now, Mr. Croker, you have had your pleasantry; please answer the question. What officers of the city government take out bonds, or have taken out bonds, in any other company than yours—do you know? A.—In any other company? Q.—Yes. A.—Besides ours?
Q.—Yes. A.—Besides ours?
Q.—Yes. A.—Probably Mr. Platt's.
Q.—What officers? A.—That takes bonds?
Q.—Yes. A.—I could not tell you. I could not tell you the ones. I would have to get the list and gover it.

over it.

--What would you think of a good Tammany
n who would go to Mr. Platt's concern to take
his bond? A.-There are some that goes there.

--Do you know it? A.-No; I have heard that
y have done that. He has cut rates. (Laughter.)

--He has cut the rates? A.-Yes. (Loud

Q.—He has cut the rates? A.—Yes. (Loud laughter.)
Q.—Even if they have cut the rates—even though they may have cut the rates—you have the majority of the business? A.—In the city?
Q.—Yes. A.—I presume I have. He has got it in the State.
Q.—We will put all the burden that ought to be put upon anybody who is doing that same business.
A.—Yes.
Q.—Now we are talking about the city affairs. What do you think of a city official who takes his bond—who does that—who takes advantage of Mr. Platt's cut rates to take out bonds in his company? A.—He has that privilege.

IS GROWING LESS OUTSPOKEN.

Q .- Do you consider him a good Tammany organization man to do that? A.-Yes. Q.-But you don't know any of them who do that, do you? A.-I have heard of them. Q.-How many of them have you heard of? A.-

I could not really remember. Q.—Have you heard of any considerable nur A.—I have heard of several.

Q.—Now, let us see. Of course, as the leader, you control the district leaders, don't you? A .- Partly; control the district leaders, don't you? A.—Partiy; yes.

Q.—And they act in harmony with you, don't they? A.—Pretty well.

Q.—And they and you generally have been satisfied as to the heads of departments—they are in line with you, are they not? A.—Yes, pretty well.

Q.—And you said it was their business, as members of the organization, to make their appointments in line with the will of the organization? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And you say so still? A.—Yes.

Q.—And it is necessary for a great many of them to take out bonds under the law, isn't it? A.—Yes.

Q.—So that you who are at the head of the appointing system in this city have an interest in the concern to which most of them go to get their bonds? A.—I have just testified to that.

Q.—That is true. I am simply recapitulating.

A.—Yes.

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Q.—That is true, I am simply recapitulating,
A.—Yes.
Q.—That is true, is it not? A.—Yes; it is.
Q.—And you take your dividends from the funds
which are swelled by the officials whom you appoint? A.—I don't appoint the officials.
Q.—The officials who are appointed in conformity
with your desires? A.—I do not interfere with it.
They appoint whoever they please.
Q.—If you made a very serious objection to the
appointment of a head of a department, do you
suppose that he would be appointed? A.—By whom?
Q.—By any one—by the Mayor. A.—I think
would.

Q.—By any one—by the Mayor. A.—I think he would.
Q.—Do you know any one he has appointed contrary to your wishes? A.—Yes.
Q.—Who? A.—There has been a man appointed that I did not know anything about.
Q.—Is he unsatisfactory? A.—Not as yet. He is a good man.
Q.—Do you know of any one whom the Mayor has appointed that is unsatisfactory to you or that is not in line with your wishes? A.—There has been several appointed that I did not know anything about their being appointed.
Q.—They were men in line with your affairs? A.—They were men in line with your affairs? A.—They were men in line with your affairs? A.—They were any lidea what the number of city officers is that have taken bonds in your company? A.—No; I have no idea.

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Q .- Is your personal account banked in the Garfield Bank? A .- I object to answer that question. Q .- Where is your personal account banked? A .- I object to that question. Q .- Sir? A .- I won't answer that. That is my

rivate affair. Q .- Have you more than one place in which your Q.—Have you more than one pace in the affair.
Q.—Do you keep more than one bank account?
A.—That is my private affair.
Q.—Do you keep one bank account for the income of your business at No. 111 Broadway, and the income of the surety company, at one bank, and another bank account for political moneys that come in? A.—I just told you that was my own private business. come in? A.—I just told you that was my bar-private business.

Q.—Of course, and you can say it again.

A.—
That is my own private business.

Q.—Yes, that is your own private business.

If you want to conduct this examination as a gen-

Q.—Hold on one moment. If I am not a gentleman it is not your fault. A.—And if you are going to bully people you won't get along. You can't bully them.

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The Chairman—One moment, Mr. Croker.

Q.—It would be a very strange thing if I could bully Mr. Croker. A.—You can try to do it.

Q.—Then I am a latter man than I thought. A.—
If you were a little larger perhaps you could do it.

The Chairman—One moment, Mr. Croker, we can get along with questions and answers without this colloquy.

this colloquy.

Mr. Hoffman—You may make any explanation that you desire to make.

The Chairman—You will be protected.

The Witness—I don't want any protection at all.

I only want fair play;

The Chairman—Fair play; that is all we expect and all we ask.

O—Do you ever meet Mr. Carroll at the Garfield The Witness—I don't want any protection at all.

I only want fair play; that is all we expect and all we ask.

Q.—Do you ever meet Mr. Carroll at the Garfield Bank? A.—No. I don't.

Q.—Do you ever meet him at any time when he is handling money? A.—No. I don't.

Q.—How do you know you don't? A.—How do I know I don't?

Q-Yes. A.—How do you know you are standing there?

Q.—I can conceive it is entirely possible that you might meet him when he was handling money and you not know it, just the same as I may meet you when you were handling money and not know it.

A.—I hope you are satisfied.

Q.—I am satisfied with the quickness of your retort. A.—You have got to be quick, for you, with all your anonymous letters.

The Chairman—I instruct the stenographer to strike that out.

Q.—Do not think they are all anonymous. A.—Pretty near all, from my enemies all over New-York.

Q.—Do you own the club building at Fifty-fifthst. and Fifth-ave.? A.—No. sir.

Q.—Do you ever own it? A.—No. sir.

Q.—Were you ever interested in that building?

A.—News the title ever in your name? A.—No. sir.

Q.—Were you ever interested in that building?

A.—Newer interested in that building.

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Q.—Were you ever interested in anything that had the building? A.—The Democratic Club owned it.

Q.—Dho not have a personal interest in it?

A.—No more than any member of the club.

Q.—When was the Democratic Club organized?

A.—The Democratic Club was organized eight or nine years. I haven't been a member that long.

Q.—But recently it has become very active under your inspiration? A.—It has been reorganized within recent months.

Q.—And you gave it your personal attention and your personal residence? A.—I did all I could for it.

Q.—You did all you could for it, and that makes a great deal, Mr. Croker. Then, the Democratic Club owns the building—that we have agreed upon. The club found that building was not suitable for its purposes—

The Chairman—Do I understand the title is in the name of the Democratic Club?

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The Witness—Yes.
The Chairman—It is.
The Witness—Yes.
Q.—It is still there, is it? A.—I believe it is.

They have sold it.

MAY GET CITY TENANTS.

Q.—They have sold it? A.—Yes.
Q.—For what price? A.—I think \$170,000—I think, wouldn't be sure.
Q.—One hundred and seventy thousand dollars?

sir.
Q.—Did you hear it talked of in the Democratic Club? A.—Heard it talked of.
Q.—When did you first hear of it? A.—I think about two weeks ago—two or three weeks ago.
Q.—Didn't you hear of it before Mr. Prager took the title? A.—Oh, no.

WHENCE COMES PRAGER'S PULL? Q .- How has Mr. Prager succeeded in getting departments to move up to that building? A .- I Q.-Do you think it is advisable for the Building

Q.—Do you think it is advisable for the Bullong Department to go away up to Fifty-fifth-st, and Sixth-ave.? A.—I don't know. That is for them to decide. Q.—Do you think it is best for them to separate themselves so far from the other city departments? I ask you now, as a statesman and a prominent

man in the community? A .- You ask it as a states-

man?
Q.—Yes. A.—You are the statesman. (Laughter.)
Q.—Well, Mr. Croker. I am very glad that I asked
you that way, because that has given you a chance
to recover your good humor, and we always like to
have you good-natured. A.—I am in a good humor
all the time.
Q.—Not always. A.—Yes: you don't know me.
Q.—Now, is Mr. Prager a member of the Democratic Club? A.—I believe he is. I ain't sure about
that.

that.
Q.—Don't you see him there? A.—Very seldom. There are people come there that are not members. Q.—What is his first name? A.—I couldn't tell you. Q.—Do you mean to say that this transaction is entirely without interest to you? A.—Very little. Q.—Do you know how much rent the Building Department is going to pay up there? A.—I couldn't tell you.

Department is going to pay: A.—I vould rather not. It is my own personal matter.

Q.—You mean to ask you, Mr. Croker, what you paid for your stock in the United States Bond Company? A.—I decline to answer.

Q.—Why do you decline to answer that? A.—I that is a personal matter.

Q.—That is a company, Mr. Croker, that, as you have yourself stated, bonds city officers, and a great many of them—officers who are directly related to you in the matter of appointment—and I ask you again, considering that fact, whether you ever paid for your stock? A.—I can't answer that. You must excuse me.

Q.—You mean to say that you can't or you won't?
A.—I would rather not. It is my own personal matter.

matter.
Q.—You really think that is a personal matter,
Q.—You really think that is a personal matter,
Q.—Will you swear that you paid for that stock?
A.—I decline to answer on that ground.
Q.—Was the stock given to you? A.—I decline

HE IS ORDERED TO ANSWER.

Q .- Did you get the stock upon the formation of the company? A.-I don't wish to go into that.

M. Moss-I request the committee to direct the witness to answer all of those questions.

The Chairman-The Committee will so direct. Q.-Will you answer, Mr. Croker? A.-No, sir. Mr. Moss-Please to record the gentleman's rethe getting of the stock, and whether he had paid the getting of the stock, and whether he had paid for it or not, or whether he got it at the organiza-tion of the company.

Mr. Hoffman—And record also that he declines to answer on the ground that it is a private, per-sonal matter.

Mr. Moss—I think that is very fully on the rec-

Q.-Did Mr. Freedman organize that company

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Q.-Did Mr. Freedman organize that company?

A.-I believe he helped to organize it.

Q.-He is the vice-president of it? A.-I think he
is. He is a director, not the vice-president. I
think he is the managing director for New-York.
Q.-For New-York City? A.-New-York City, I
think, or State.

Q.-He is a close friend of yours? A.-He is a
pretty good friend of mine.

Q.-And you and he are in together with a great
many corporations and deals? A.-That is what
you say.

Q.-Well, is it so? A.-No; it is not so.
Q.-Are you together in any other matters than
this bond company? A.-Not that I know.
Q.-Are you interested in the Maryland Whiskey
Company? A.-No; I am not.
Q.-Is any one interested in it that is related to
you? A.-Not that I know of.
Q.-Have you owned any stock in the Flushing
Gas Company? A.-No, sir.
Q.-Nover? A.-Never.
Q.-Has any member of your family owned any
stock of that company? A.-Not that I know of.
Q.-Now, why isn't that a question under personal privilege? A.-I don't know. I have got to
answer some, and must reserve some to my judgment. If I didn't answer some I would sit here
without answering anything at all.
Q.-Have you any stock in the New-Amsterdam
Company? A.-No, sir.
Q.-Have you any interest in it? A.-No, sir.
Q.-Have you any interest in it? A.-No, sir.
Q.-Have you ever had? A.-I had at one time.
DENIES BEING SHORT ON MANHATTAN.

DENIES BEING SHORT ON MANHATTAN. Q .- When? A .- Long before the introduction of

the Astoria business.

Q.—When did you part with it? A.—I parted with it at least ten days before the vote was taken on the Asteria bill.
Q.—At least ten days? I thought you said it was a long time? A.—Yes; I held the stock a long time, but when that came up I parted with it.
Q.—Why did you do that? A.—Because I didn't wish to be mixed up in that business.
Q.—To whom did you give that stoch? A.—I didn't give it to anybody; I sold it.
Q.—To whom did you sell it? A.—I didn't own the stock out-and-out; only on a margin.
Q.—You do speculate on margins? A.—Sometimes. long time? A .- Yes; I held the stock a long time.

Q.—You do speculate on magnis. A.—Sometimes.
Q.—You were 7,600 shares short on Manhattan?
A.—That you say.
Q.—Well, were you? A.—Well, now, I will answer you. I was not. Now I will answer, that never happened at all. If you had acted as a gentleman, as you are now at the present time, the other day, I would have told you.
Q.—It didn't happen, as I put it; it happened a little different? A.—No; a long way off.
Q.—You never had any conversation with Freedman about it? A.—Never.
Q.—Never? A.—Now you are satisfied.
Q.—No; I am not satisfied. A.—No; I know you ain't.

eln't.

Q.-If you were not short seven thousand shares
of Manhattan, how much were you short? A.-

of Manhattan, now much were you short: A.—None.
Q.—None at all? A.—Not a share.
Q.—You don't do all your business in your own name, do you? A.—Do I?
Q.—Yes? A.—I do buy stock.
Q.—You have got your friend, Andrew Freedman, around, haven't you A.—I don't know that he had any.
Q.—He never was short of it? A.—I don't know.
Q.—He never lost \$77,000 in Manhattan stock?
A.—That I don't know. You must ask him.
Q.—He never told you about that? A.—No.
Q.—You had no interest in his loss? A.—Stick to me: you are getting off.

Q.-I am asking you the question. A.-I don't Q.-You don't care whether he lost money or not?
A.-I don't have anything to do with his affairs;
he can speculate wherever he pleases. Q.-What was there in your holding gas stock

on a margin that should be at all calculated to be mixed up in the Astoria Gas bill business; why should you have been so tender on a matter where you only bought stock on a margin? A .- I didn't

should you have been so tender on a matter where you only bought stock on a margin? A.—I didn't want to have that question come up where there was a fight between two parties.

Q.—Your friends, your political associates, had stopped the Amsterdam Company? A.—That I don't know; maybe they had. I am not here to testify that they had.

Q.—Maybe they had? A.—Maybe they had.

Q.—And they told you they had? A.—I am not sure of that.

Q.—You wouldn't say they did? A.—Nor that they did not.

Q.—You wouldn't say they did? A.—Nor that they did not.

Q.—You will stand by them when their interests are jeepardized, aren't you? A.—There are many matters I am interested in.

Q.—You will stand by them just as much as you will expect them to stand by you? A.—Not about measures; it all depends on what sort of interests you are referring to.

Q.—Their interests which they might have in a bill for stock in a lawful concern? A.—I would stand by them.

By the Chairman—What do you mean by a fight? A.—I mean the way the lines are drawn between the two parties.

Q.—What two parties do you mean? A.—As to the Astoria bill?

Q.—Don't you know the Democrats voted for the Astoria bill?

Q.—Some New-York men? A.—I am talking about the Senate; only one man in New-York voted for it in the Assembly, and Mr. Moss finds fault with it.

it in the Assembly, and Mr. Moss finds fault with it.

Q.—Don't you know, as a matter of fact, that the opposition to the passage of the Astoria Gas bill was by reason of the fact that you and your friends and the members of the Democratic organization held stock in the New-Amsterdam Company, which was a rival company? A.—I don't know that.

Q.—Isn't that true? A.—I don't know that.

Q.—You say you don't know it? A.—I say I don't know it is true; they may and may not; I don't know it is true; they may and may not; I don't know.

Q.—You won't swear now that that is not the fact? A.—No, no more than I would that you owned stock in the Astoria.

Q.—I will tell you for your own satisfaction that I don't own a dollar's worth in it. A.—I have owned some, but not within two weeks.

Q.—You thought that was a good time to get out? A.—Yes; I thought I would have nothing to do with it, between two parties.

CHOSE A GOOD TIME TO QUIT.

CHOSE A GOOD TIME TO QUIT. Mr. Moss-You thought that the stock might go down, didn't you? A .- It might and it might not.

(Laughter.) Mr. Hoffman—I would like to ask Mr. Croker one or two questions. Isn't it a fact that the reason why the city authorities opposed that bill was because it gave a franchise worth \$20,000,000 without a dollar's consideration to the city of New-York? A.—Yes, I think it was.

The Chairman—Don't you know, as a matter of fact and as a matter of law, that the city authorities could not grant that franchise that was asked for? A.—What franchise?

Q.—The franchise that was asked for from the Legislature. A.—That they could not grant it?

Q.—Yes, A.—Yes, I know they couldn't. I don't believe they could.

Q.—Don't you also know, as a matter of fact, that the Democratic administration at Albany in 1822 granted the New-Amsterdam or East River company the same franchise that the Consolidated Gas Company asked for in this bill—this so-called Astoria bill? A.—I don't remember.

Q.—You don't know that? A.—What was it—a tunnel?

Q.—No; the Democratic Legislature in 1892, a bill passed by the Democratic Legislature and signed by a Democratic Governor. A.—I don't remember that.

Q.—Don't you know also that this Consolidated Gas Company asked for this bill in order that it Mr. Hoffman-I would like to ask Mr. Croker one

by a Democratic Governor. A.—I don't remember shat.

Q.—Don't you know also that this Consolidated Gas Company asked for this bill in order that it might be a competitor to the New-Amsterdam company, which practically now has a monopoly of the right to cross the East River? A.—No, I don't. I thought this was done for the purpose of making a monopoly out of gas in New-York.

Q.—Don't you know now that the New-Amsterdam Gas Company has the only line of pipe under the East River? A.—I heard that.

Q.—Don't you know that this bill was for the purpose of creating a rival company to get the same rights as the New-Amsterdam company in order that they might be on equal terms? A.—That I don't know.

Mr. Hoffman—Isn't it true, as a matter of fact, that in 1892 the Legislature granted to this New-

Amsterdam company the right to lay these mains, and that it was on the condition set forth in the act that the price of the gas should be reduced a cents per 1,000 cubic feet? A.—Yes.

Q.—And no such condition was contained in the bill in relation to the Astoria? A.—No.

The Chairman—You also know that in this bill, the Astoria bill, no such franchise was asked for as was granted in the bill in 1892; that is, as to the right to lay pipes? A.—They got their pipes all laid: all they wanted was to cross the river.

Q.—The pipes were all in under the streets, and they didn't ask for any such franchise as the other company did? A.—They had the franchise here.

The Chairman—I think we have this matter properly on the record now, and we will proceed.

NOT INTERESTED IN ASPHALT

NOT INTERESTED IN ASPHALT. Q.-Aro you interested in asphalt business?

Q.-Never have been? A .- No. Q .- You are not interested in the Venezuela Com pany? A .- No. I would like to say in regard to the Amsterdam Gas Company that some of my friends, I have heard, held some stock in it. Q.—In the Amsterdam Gas Company?

The Chairman—He says that he has heard some

of his friends had stock in the Amsterdam Gas Q.—Was one of those friends Mr. Freedman?
A.—That I won't say.
Q.—That you decline to say?
A.—No, I won't say it. Q.—That you decline to say? A.—No, I won't say it.
Q.—Don't you remember? A.—I remember it. I am not saying that at this time.
Q.—Do you know about this Flushing Gas Company? Don't you know that the Flushing Gas Company wanted to get into the city at one time? A.—I never heard of it.
Q.—Don't you know that instead of letting them into the city they were allowed to increase their work on that side of the river by putting in 1.600 more pipes? A.—I have not heard it.
Q.—You never heard that 20 per cent of the stock was given to a friend of yours? A.—No, sir: I never heard it intimated. I don't know what you are referring to.
Q.—Now, with reference to this United States Fidelity Bond Company. Has your company any State bonds at all? A.—This company?
Q.—The company that you are in? A.—Not as I know of. I am not very familiar with it.
Q.—You are not very familiar with it.
A.—No, not very.
At this point a recess was taken until 215 o'clock in the afternoon, when Mr. Croker's examination was resumed.

AFTERNOON SESSION. CROKER ABSOLUTELY REFUSES TO SPEAK

Mr. Moss-Mr. Croker, did you give your son Frank Croker \$17,000 with which to buy his stock n the Roebling Construction Company? A .- I decline to answer that.

Mr. Moss-That is a matter we have been over good deal, and I request now that the witness b directed to answer.

The Chairman—We direct Mr. Croker to answer the question. I consider it material and relevant, Q.—Is it the same answer? A.—Yes.

Q.—How much stock of the Autotruck Company have you? A.—I decline to answer that.

Mr. Moss—I ask the committee to direct the witness to answer.

ess to answer.
The Chairman-We direct Mr. Croker to answer the question.

The Witness-I decline to answer on the sar The Witness—I decline to answer on the same grounds.

Q.—Dld you pay for your interest in the Autotruck Company? A.—I decline to answer that.

The Chairmar—I direct Mr. Croker to answer the question, as we consider it material and relevant and in the line of the investigation.

The Witness—It has nothing to do with the city affairs. I decline to answer it on the ground that it has nothing to do with the city affairs. It is my private business.

Q.—Have you any stock in the Westinghouse Electric Company? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Has your son Frank? A.—Not as I know of.

Q.—Do you know anything about it? A.—No.

Q.—Are the heads of the Tax Office, or the Tax Department, men that are in line with your organization? A.—I think they are pretty good men; yes.

yes.
Q.—You are satisfied with them, are you? A.—I think so; yes. think so; yes.

Q.-Do you know that that is a very important department of the government—you know that, don't you? A.—Yes.

HE HAS THOUGHT ABOUT TAXES. Q .- And, as a statesman, have you ever con sidered the powers and rights of men to tax their fellow-men; you have thought of those things, have you? A.—Yes. I think they are competent men, what I know about them. Q.-Do you not think it an important matter for

the organization to be thoroughly represented in the Tax Department of a government? A.—The organization?
Q.—Yes, sir; the organization that is responsible for the government. A.—Of course I do, in all branches.
Q.—But that as a special branch?
A.—No more than any other.

Q .- No more than any other? A .- No. Q.-The branch that is imposing taxes upon peo ple should certainly be in line with the political control of the administration, should it not? A.—
Not as I know of; not especially so. Q.-There is some patronage connected

HE DISLIKES CIVIL SERVICE.

Q.—1 nere is some patternage and pat who have got there by
all of them.

Q.—Are not there a great many confidential men
there now? A.—I am not in a position to say it
exactly, but I should presume a great many of
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Q.-Don't you know that there are some thousands of men appointed in the different departments under this administration, in positions of confidence or in positions of laborers, who have never passed through any Civil Service examination? A.-No. I don't know that.

Q.-Pon't you know that that is a method that your organization has adopted to get these men into the Department without having to pass through a Civil Service examination? A.-We generally comply with the law, I think it would be much better—I think the city would be much better—I think the city would be much better off—without a Civil Service law.

Q.-That is your opinion? A.-I think it is an obstruction to the city government.

Q.-Have you not in the Department now men who were represented as laborers employed in clerical work? A.-Not as I know of.

Q.-If there were such, what position would you take as the leader of the organization which must be held responsible for the spirit of the administration, supposing you should find that there were men raied as laborers who were really doing clerical work—what would you do? A.-I could not tell you what I would do. Are you questioning me now as an expert on that subject?

Q.-Yes. I think you are an expert. A.-I don't know what I would do.

HE WOULD DEFY THE LAW. Q.—As the leader of the party, when I tell you that there are men, members of your organization, appointed by your heads of departments, who are carrying men—the departments are carrying men— who are ostensibly laborers, who are doing cleriwho are ostensibly laborers, who are doing cierical work, and that for the purpose of defeating the Civil Service law—what would you do about that, if anything? A.—I am not prepared to say what I would do. If I was Commissioner, I might take a different action than what I do now.

Q.—But as the leader of the party? A.—I am not directing those sort of things.

Q.—You don't propose to take any attitude then, in reference to those matters? A.—I don't direct matters in departments at all; have nothing to do with it.

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Q.—But you are anxious that your departments shall reflect credit upon the party, aren't you?

Q.—But you are anxious that your departments shall reflect credit upon the party, aren't you? A.—Yes, we are.

Q.—And carrying that in mind, that you want the departments and the officers of the government to reflect credit upon the party who appointed them, what do you think you should do, if anything, in this condition of affairs? A.—i couldn't tell what I would do there at the present time, unless I was a Commissioner.

Q.—Not being a Commissioner, but the man who can discipline the Commissioner—is that a matter in which you would discipline them if they were evading the law? A.—I couldn't tell you on that what I would do.

Q.—Then you have no thought on that subject?

A.—No. If I had a good man, I would appoint him and detail him.

Q.—Appoint him as a laborer and detail him?

A.—Yes, if he was a good, smart man, even if he was a laborer.

Q.—And in that way, of course, you would get a clerk who would not pass the Civil Service examination? A.—Might not; it might be necessary to put him there until you could get one to take his place.

Q.—Suppose these people had been kept in positions since the administration began? A.—If they had compiled with the law, I see no harm in it.

Q.—You see no harm in taking a laborer and making a clerk out of him? A.—Not if he compiled with the law.

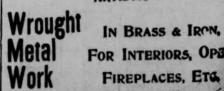
Q.—That is complying with the law, is, in your judgment? A.—I couldn't tell you what the law is in that respect. They shouldn't do it if they didn't comply with the law, in my opinion.

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Q.—Supposing that a Department like the Con-troller's office is employing over a hundred ex-perts, expert examiners, who are carried entirely as emergency men, and have been carried many months that way, without having gone through a Civil Service examination, would you consider that





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